

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1, 2 and 4-19 stand rejected.

Claim 3 has been objected-to.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Claim 3 has been objected-to, as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable, if written in independent form. Applicants have now amended claim 1, so that it includes the features of objected-to claim 3. Claim 3 has now been canceled.

Amended claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

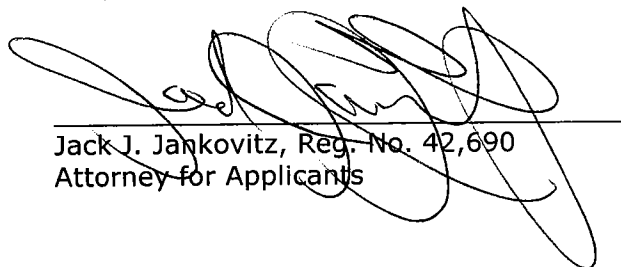
Dependent claims 2, 4-7 and 19 depend from amended claim 1 and are, therefore, also in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 8 has been amended to include features similar to the features recited in objected-to claim 3.

Although not the same, amended claim 8 is now also in condition for allowance.

Dependent claim 9-18 depend from amended claim 8 and are, therefore, also in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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